

6543/USSN 10/534,701

REMARKS

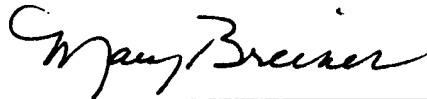
The captioned application is the U.S. National phase of International Application No. PCT/CH2003/000819. The present amendment to the claims is to better conform the claims to U.S. patent practice, e.g. provision of proper antecedent basis, etc. None of the amendments are intended to narrow the substance of the claims, but rather are simply to address matters of form.

Favorable consideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE HAMOIGNON

By



Mary J. Breiner, Attorney
Registration No. 33,161
BREINER & BREINER, L.L.C.
115 North Henry Street
P.O. Box 19290
Alexandria, Virginia 22320-0290

Telephone: (703) 684-6885